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Mr. Edward Galbraith, Director  
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Dear Mr. Galbraith:

Re: Approval of the TMDL for Little Sac River

This letter responds to the submission from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on July 13, 2006, for one Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) document which contains a TMDL for Fecal coliform. Little Sac River was identified on the 2002 Missouri §303(d) list as impaired as a result of Fecal coliform. This submission fulfills the Clean Water Act statutory requirement to develop TMDLs for impairments listed on a state's §303(d) list. The specific impairment (water body segment and pollutant) are:

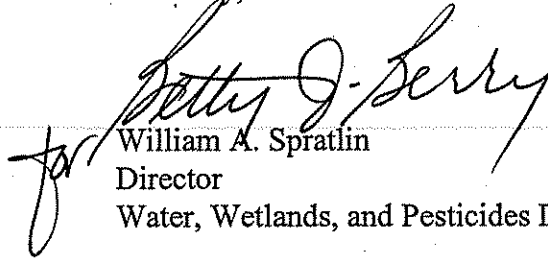
Water Body Name	WBID	Listed pollutant	TMDL pollutant
Little Sac River	1381	Fecal coliform	Fecal coliform

EPA has completed its review of the TMDL with supporting documentation and information. By this letter, EPA approves the submitted TMDL. Enclosed with this letter is the Region 7 TMDL Decision Document which summarizes the rationale for EPA's approval of the TMDL. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDL described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

EPA is currently in consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding this TMDL. While EPA is approving this TMDL at the present time, EPA may decide that changes to the TMDL are warranted based upon the results of the consultation when it is completed.

We appreciate the thoughtful effort that MDNR has put into this TMDL. We will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by MDNR to develop the remaining TMDLs.

Sincerely,

for William A. Spratlin

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